

**REMARKS**

The Office Action mailed January 23, 2008 has been carefully considered by Applicant. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing claim amendments and the remarks that follow.

**Allowable Claims**

Claims 2-13 are indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. By the present Amendment, claim 2 is rewritten in independent form and includes the limitations of claim 1. Claim 2 is therefore in condition for allowance.

Claims 9 and 10 are amended to depend from claim 2 and are thus also in condition for allowance.

Claim 3 is rewritten in independent form and includes the limitations of cancelled claim 1. As such, claim 3 is in condition for allowance. Claims 4-8 and 11-15 depend directly or indirectly from claim 3 and are thus also in condition for allowance.

**Claim Rejection**

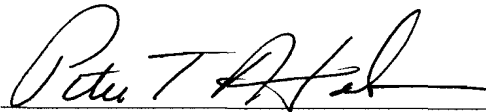
Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Essebaggers U.S. Patent No. 6,290,090. Claim 1 is hereby cancelled, thus rendering the rejection thereof moot.

**Conclusion**

The present application is thus believed in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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